

## The Twilight Party Given By Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga At The Vincennes Hotel, Saturday Evening--Christmas--Was The Most Unique And Most Brilliant Social Function, So Far Held, By The Wealthy, Property Holding Colored People, Residing In Chicago.



HON. JAMES W. BREEN.

First Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago, the Thompson Ward Committeeman of the Thirtieth Ward, who was on Wednesday evening, December 22, presented with a beautiful silver loving cup by his thousands of warm friends and admirers at Swiney's Hall, Forty-fourth and State streets, at which time the many admirers of Mr. Breen started his boom as Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Miss Mildred Griffin and Goldie Ochter of Iowa State University, who were enroute to Wilberforce University to attend a gathering of the society Delta Sigma Theta of which they are officers. Messrs. Reginald H. Chisholm of Virginia and Andrew E. Dobson of Oklahoma, both dental students of Northwestern University, were guests of Colonel and Mrs. James H. Jackson on Sunday, December 26.

Dr. H. Rignold Smith, 3801 S. State street, who is one of the best and most popular M. D.'s on the south side, desires to heartily extend New Year's greetings to his many friends and patients.

Mrs. Lottie Meredith Cooper of East Orange, N. J. and New York City, arrived in the city last week and she will spend one month visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward A. Odom, 3733 Forest avenue. Mrs. Cooper was born and raised in old Chicago, she is still as beautiful as ever and her many warm friends are bent upon giving her a royal good time as long as she is in the city.

Madam M. Callaway Byron, returned home from New York City, in time to spend the holidays and to attend the Binga Twilight party at the Vincennes Hotel Christmas evening.



HON. FRANK S. RIGHEIMER.

The able and popular Judge of the County Court of Cook County, who is greatly delighted to have the extreme pleasure at this time or the holiday season to heartily thank the hundreds of thousands of men and women who so loyally supported and voted for him at the primaries in September and at the election in November.

PROF. CHARLES ELGAR'S ORCHESTRA FURNISHED THE JAZZ AND OTHER UP-TO-DATE MUSIC FOR THE DELIGHTFUL AND LONG TO BE REMEMBERED OCCASION.

THE DINING ROOM, IN WHICH THE RECEPTION AND DANCING WAS HELD, WAS DECORATED IN THE MOST ARTISTIC MANNER WITH PALMS, FERNS AND CHRISTMAS GREENS; A LARGE LETTER "B" WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING AT THE SOUTH END OF THE DINING ROOM, WHICH ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION.

BRAWLEY, THE UP-TO-DATE CATERER, SERVED THE REFRESHMENTS. A REAL LIVE CHINAMAN, FROM A CHINESE BOOTH ESPECIALLY ERECTED FOR THE OCCASION, SERVED REAL CHINESE TEA.

MISS MARION HARRISON SANG "TWILIGHT" AND "IDOL DREAMERS"; LITTLE MISS RUTH STEWART DANCED "AMERICAN BEAUTY" AND "NAUTY, NAUTY GIRL."

MR. FRANK B. WARING IMPERSONATED SANTA CLAUS AND PRESENTED EACH LADY WITH A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TOKEN.

MR. JULIUS N. AVENDORPH, WHO WAS IN HIS GLORY AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES, PRESENTED THE GUESTS TO MR. AND MRS. BINGA, WHO STOOD NEAR THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE DINING ROOM; MRS. BINGA WAS COSTUMED IN A WHITE IMPORTED, HAND MADE BRUSSELS LACE GOWN, DIAMOND ORNAMENTS.

Within the past fifteen or twenty years, the writer has had the honor and the extreme pleasure of attending receptions and other social functions, given by the best class of Colored people in St. Louis, Mo., Philadelphia, Pa., and notably the great Inaugural Ball and Reception which was held at Convention Hall, Washington, D. C., in March, 1913, at which time the wealthy and the leading Colored people were present from all parts of the United States.

In the past we have also attended most of the social functions given by the Colored people in this city, but in our humble opinion, none of the receptions or social functions which we have attended in the past could surpass nor compare favorably with the Twilight party and reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga at the Vincennes Hotel, Christmas evening, for it represented in the fullest degree the wealthy and the property owning class of Colored people in this city. Never before have we beheld such a number of Colored men and women thrown together, who were all richly costumed in the height of fashion. The men in full dress evening suits and the elegant variegated gowns worn by the ladies caused them to resemble real fairy queens. Even the elderly ladies present were dressed right up-to-date, in fact it was more like a home party than any social affair that we have attended for a long time, for everybody seemed to know each other except the guests from afar.

It is safe to say that seventy five to one hundred thousand dollars worth of diamonds and other costly jewels were in evidence to dazzle the eyes of those who attended the affair with their beauty and brilliancy.

Promptly at six o'clock sweet strains of music from Prof. Charles Elgar's orchestra, which was completely hid from sight behind tall potted palms, ferns and so forth, floated out through the Vincennes Hotel, and as the folding doors leading into the dining room disappeared, the invited guests began to pour into it. At its North end stood Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga with palms and flowers on each side of them, and as the more than two hundred guests entered they were, in the most gracious manner, presented to them by Mr. Julius N. Avendorph, who is past master in the high art in seizing as master of ceremonies, and who knows more people than any other man in Chicago. Just as soon as the "Twilight Party" was under good headway the dancing began and the guests continued to roll up in front of the hotel in autos until near nine o'clock, at which time the lights were almost extinguished and Miss Marion Harrison sang "Twilight" and "Idol Dreams."

Then the dancing was in full swing for a short time and after coming to a halt the second time Miss Ruth Stewart gracefully danced "American

Beauty" and "Nauty, Nauty Girl." Then on went the dancing again at full blast and at the third pause the guests all formed in two long lines right straight through the center of the dining room with a passageway between the lines and Mr. Frank B. Waring impersonating "Santa Claus" ran up and down the line and all around the room shaking every one by the hand and wishing one and all a "Merry Christmas." At the south end of the dining room a platform had been erected for him and from it he delivered a short speech in which he expressed the hope that all present would be able to live as long as he had lived and become old like himself, and that their years may continue to the end of time to be filled with pleasure and happiness. At the conclusion of his oration the guests formed in couples and marched around in front of his platform, and as each lady passed he handed a beautiful Christmas token to little Miss Ruth Stewart, who in turn presented it to the lady. The Christmas token consisted of a very artistic little fancy basket which was made in Germany.

The next unique attraction in connection with the Twilight Party was the Chinese Booth in the south-east corner of the dining room and in it stood a real sure enough Chinaman who served Chinese tea and Chinese tea biscuits throughout the evening. The other refreshments were served by Brawley, the up-to-date caterer.

The following were among the most prominent ladies and gentlemen present at the Binga Twilight Party or reception:

Dr. and Mrs. William F. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Washington, Prof. and Mrs. William Emanuel, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. L. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hackley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ripley Binga Mead, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. William Busby, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hawley, Hon. and Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. James E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor, Capt. and Mrs. John L. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. George, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Barnes, Capt. and Mrs. J. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Davidson Washington, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Cary B. Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. H. Binga Dismond, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mead, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rudolph Lawrence, Consul and Mrs. W. J. Yerby, of West Africa, Dr. and Mrs. Albert C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. King, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thorne; Col. John E. Marshall, Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, Mr. William A. Robinson, Dr. Roy Young, Evanston,

Ill.; Mr. Samuel Evans, Dr. Waldo Alexander, Dr. W. S. Grant, Mr. John W. Byrd, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. N. E. Caldwell, Dr. H. Rignold Smith, one of the directors of the new Binga State Bank; Mr. Robert H. Hardin, Jr., Mr. George B. Arthur, Mrs. Edna Maxwell, Little Miss Amy Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shaw, Mr. J. B. Crum, Mrs. C. J. Moeze, her two guests, Miss Dorothy Chestnutt and Miss Nellie Hanson of Cleveland, Ohio; Prof. and Mrs. Richard R. Harrison and their very bright and intelligent daughter, Miss Marion Harrison.

The following were among the most elegantly costumed ladies who were in evidence at the Twilight party. Dr. Fannie Emanuel, orchid satin, silver lace, diamonds; Mrs. H. Binga Diamond, blue brocaded satin and silver; Mrs. J. R. White, black charmeuse, diamonds; Mrs. S. D. Brown, black satin; Dr. Mary F. Waring, white silk, black beaded ornaments; Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins, white satin, brilliant trimmings and pearls; Mrs. William F. Garnett, pink satin, silver lace; Mrs. William C. Casey, Irish lace, black satin on train, picture hat, diamonds; Mrs. Julius N. Avendorph, pongee silk, trimmed in rose design, hand filet; Miss Ida L. Taylor, silver and gold brocaded silk, diamonds; Mrs. Benjamin H. Martin, grey marquisette, over peach georgette and taffeta, trimmed with gold lace, diamonds; Mrs. Laura Bradshaw, imported model of white pearl taffeta, diamonds; Mrs. Charles S. Jackson, green satin chiffon trimmed, numerous diamonds; Mrs. David B. Hawley, white ruffled chiffon, diamonds; Mrs. William T. Jefferson, black satin, pearls; Mrs. W. E. Alexander, silver net and pearls; Mrs. George Thompson, black satin, diamonds; Mrs. Beatrice Goff Blackwell, black net; Miss Nellie Byron, brown tulle embroidered in gold; Miss Alone Jennings, green taffeta gold lace; Miss Edna F. Dodge, white silk, pearls; Mrs. Antoinette Ganes, rose taffeta, diamonds; Miss Helen Perry, blue satin, lace trimming; Miss Mary Goodhillee, black satin, head trimming; Mrs. John B. French, blue satin, diamonds; Miss Elsie Evans, blue brocaded crepe and pink georgette; Miss Willie Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., pink satin and lace; Miss Emma Cantey, flame tulle and taffeta; Miss Bessie Cantey, rose satin and tulle; Mrs. Martha McAdoo, black velvet satin, jet, pink roses; Mrs. Cary B. Lewis, black lace, orange feather novelty, black ostrich fan; Mrs. A. H. Roberts, pink silk, embroidered in white; Mrs. Albert C. Johnson, black tulle trimmed in spangles; Mrs. John L. Fry, amber morre and lace; Mrs. Henry Hart of Indianapolis, Ind., black brocaded satin, pearl trimming; Mrs. N. A. Thorne, green taffeta, diamonds; Mrs. James E. White, black satin; Mrs. DeWitt Curtis, beaded net, over black satin, diamonds; Mrs. Edward Mead, blue chiffon, over white; Mrs. Ripley B. Mead, net, pearls; Miss Decie Goodhillee, black lace with beads; Miss Clementine Yerby, sunset taffeta; Mrs.



HON. CHARLES SCRIBNER EATON.

One of the most prominent and honorable members of the City Council from the Sixth Ward, who would make an ideal candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1921.

Charles S. Washington, pink brocaded satin; Miss Gladys Le Gare, blue satin draped, diamonds; Mrs. E. Davidson Washington, late of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, orchid taffeta and tulle with feather trimming of blue, diamonds; Mrs. Robert S. Abbott, blue satin and tulle, rose trimming, diamonds; Miss Mildred Grayson, beaded brown satin, pearls, orange fan; Mrs. Eugene E. Renfro, turquoise silk and blue beaded chiffon; Miss Vivian E. Davis, yellow satin, gold lace, blue ostrich fan; Miss Harriette Jones, beaded black satin, diamonds; Mrs. Dolly Jennings, white georgette and black silk, pearls, beads; Mrs. George H. Walker, brown satin, embroidered; Miss Myrtle B. Davis, orchid crepe de chine, gold lace and

pink, diamonds; Mrs. Henry Beauford, grey imported silk silver lace, diamonds; Mrs. Virgil C. Cooke, black satin, diamonds; Mrs. W. J. Yerby of West Africa, blue satin in petal formation; Mrs. D. Rudolph Lawrence, embroidered black satin and silk fringe; Mrs. Estelle Davis, black satin chantilly lace, blue trimmings, jets; Mrs. W. H. Riley, white silk silver lace; Miss Marcella Walker, blue satin tan georgette crepe elaborately embroidered; Mrs. Albert B. George, tan printed georgette; Miss Clementine Frierson, silver cloth with black lace, diamonds; Miss Anna Le Gare, brown velvet, trimmed with beads; Mrs.

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HON. JOSEPH HIGGINS SMITH.

Honest member of the City Council from the Fourteenth Ward, Chairman of the Committee on License of that body, who desires to wish his thousands of friends a very Happy New Year.